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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE

1. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON CALLED IN ZAIRIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES NDAGANO JULY 25 TO OUTLINE SCENARIO FOR CONTINUATION OF PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE. ROBINSON SAID THAT SINCE APRIL PREPCON HE HAD CONSULTED WITH GOVERNMENTS OF ALGERIA, SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN, BRAZIL, VENEZUELA, JAPAN AND FRANCE TO FIND WAY TO MOVE THE DIALOGUE FORWARD. HE EXPRESSED REGRET AT NOT HAVING BEEN ABLE TO VISIT ZAIRE. HE SAID UPSHOT OF CONSULTATIONS HAD BEEN GENERAL AGREEMENT ON A PLAN SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORD WITH THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE LDCA AT PREPCON BUT ONE CAST IN A FORMAT PROMISING "MORE CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS." ROBINSON EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE GOZ TOO WOULD GIVE ITS TIMELY ENDORSEMENT TO THIS PLAN SO THAT FRENCH
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GOVERNMENT COULD PROCEED TO ISSUE INVITATIONS FOR FIRST STAGE OF RESUMED DIALOGUE IN OCTOBER.

2. FOLLOWING ARE STAGES OF PLAN OUTLINED BY ROBINSON

(BRACKETED PORTIONS ARE DETAILS OF THE PLAN WHICH WERE NOT SPELLED OUT IN MEETING WITH NDAGANO BUT WHICH EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE OF IF QUERIED BY GOZ):

A. IN OCTOBER THE PREPCON GROUP OF TEN COUNTRIES

RECONVENES IN PARIS AND AGREES TO ADD SEVENTEEN COUNTRIES TO THE GROUP, BRINGING TOTAL TO 27. TWENTY-SEVEN WILL INCLUDE EIGHT INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES, NINETEEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; OF THE NINETEEN, EIGHT WILL BE FROM OPEC. THE ADDITIONAL NON-OPEC DEVELOPING COUNTRY MEMBERS WILL BE CHOSEN BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES AND WILL BE SELECTED SO AS TO ASSURE WORLDWIDE REPRESENTATION. (THE GROUP OF TEN WILL SELECT THE SITE FOR THE MEETING OF THE 27; PRESUMABLY GENEVA OR PARIS.) THE CHAIRMAN OF THAT MEETING WILL BE FROM A NEUTRAL COUNTRY, OR THERE WILL BE A REVOLVING CHAIRMANSHIP.

B. THIRTY TO SIXTY DAYS LATER (EARLY NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER) THE GROUP OF TWENTY-SEVEN WILL MEET FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS AND FORM THREE COMMISSIONS, ONE ON ENERGY, ONE ON COMMODITIES, AND ONE ON DEVELOPMENT. EACH COMMISSION WILL COMPRISE NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN OF THE TWENTY-SEVEN COUNTRIES, AND MEMBERSHIP IN EACH WILL BE APPORTIONED BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ACCORDING TO THE SAME 19/8 RATIO AS IS MEMBERSHIP OF THE GROUP OF TWENTY-SEVEN. MEMBERSHIP WILL ALSO REFLECT THE DEGREE OF INVOLVEMENT OF COUNTRIES IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF EACH COMMISSION.

C. THE COMMISSIONS WILL THEN MEET. EACH WILL BE EMPOWERED TO DEAL WITH ALL ASPECTS OF ITS SUBJECT AREA, INCLUDING FINANCIAL AND MONETARY ASPECTS--FOR WHICH SUB-COMMISSIONS MAY BE CREATED. THE THREE COMMISSIONS WILL OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY BUT MAY MAINTAIN CONTINUING COMMUNICATIONS WITH EACH OTHER. THEY MAY ALSO COORDINATE WITH OTHER FORUMS, SUCH AS UN BODIES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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WORKING IN THEIR SUBJECT AREAS.

D. TWELVE MONTHS AFTER THE LAUNCHING OF THE COMMISSIONS, THE GROUP OF TWENTY-SEVEN WILL RECONVENE, AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL, TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COMMISSIONS ON THE PROGRESS OF THEIR WORK. (THIS WILL BE A TWO-DAY MEETING WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WILL BE NO SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE. IN THIS MEETING CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION ON THE PART OF ANY OR ALL OF THE COMMISSIONS.)

E. (BOTH OPEC AND IEA WILL BE INVITED TO SIT BEHIND

A SINGLE NAME PLATE LABLED "OBSERVERS" AT THE GROUP OF 10 MEETING WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT NO OBSERVER WILL SPEAK. THERE WILL BE NO OBSERVERS AT THE GROUP OF 27 MEETING, BUT BOTH OPEC AND IEA WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETINGS OF THE ENERGY COMMISSION WITH THE RIGHT TO SPEAK.)

3. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT, AS THE DIALOGUE PROCEEDED ALONG THE LINES INDICATED, THERE WOULD BE FULL OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER HOW THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS COULD WORK WITH ZAIRE AND OTHER COPPER PRODUCERS TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS INVOLVING THAT COMMODITY.

4. NDAGANO REPLIED THAT BROADENING OF THE DIALOGUE TO INCLUDE SUBJECTS OTHER THAN ENERGY HAD BEEN JUST WHAT HIS GOVERNMENT WANTED AND THAT, IN VIEW OF THIS, HE EXPECTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD AGREE TO THE PLAN AS PRESENTED. HE PROMISED TO REPORT BACK TO UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON MENTIONED THAT JUST A WEEK EARLIER HE HAD MET AMBASSADOR VANCE IN NICE, WHERE VANCE WAS IN TRANSIT EN ROUTE TO ZAIRE FOR HIS SECOND ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS. ROBINSON SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT VANCE HAD BEEN VERY WELL RECEIVED IN KINSHASA AND THAT WE HOPED STEPS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE TAKEN TO STRENGTHEN US-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS.

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6. NDAGANO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US INTEREST IN ZAIRE'S PROBLEMS AND CONFIDENCE THAT, WITH FRANK DISCUSSION, TEMPORARILY "TRYING PROBLEMS" IN OUR RELATIONS WOULD BE OVERCOME. INGERSOLL

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